

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 17 were pending in this application.

Claims 8 - 17 were allowed.

Claims 1 - 6 were rejected.

Claim 7 was objected to.

Claim 1 was amended.

I. Allowable Matter

Claims 1-6

The Examiner has indicated that the matter contained in Claims 8 - 17 was allowed. Claim 8 is the base claims for the allowed claims. Claim 8 sets forth a specific structure, where salient points on a piece of material are folded over to form loops.

The matter deemed allowable in independent Claim 8 has been added to independent Claim 1. All the independent claims are therefore believed to contain matter that is allowable in view of the cited prior art.

Since the matter deemed allowable has been added to Claim 1, by amendment, Claim 1 and its dependent claims are now believed to stand in condition for allowance.

Claim 7

The matter contained in Claim 7 was objected to as being allowable if rewritten into independent form. The matter of Claim 7 has been added to the matter of Claim 1 and rewritten as independent Claim 18. Claim 18 therefore represents the matter of Claim 1 rewritten into independent form.

New Claim 18 is therefore believed to stand in condition for allowance.

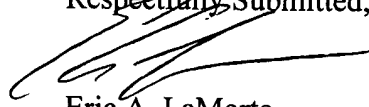
II. DRAWINGS

The Official Draftsman's objections to the drawings have been noted. Formal drawings will be filed upon receipt of the Notice of Allowance for this application.

III. SUMMARY

Having complied with the Examiner's remarks, this application is believed to stand in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is requested to call the applicant's attorney at (215) 321-6772 in order that any outstanding issues may be resolved without the necessity of issuing a further Office Action.

Respectfully Submitted,



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